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SUBJ: ISRAELI DEMONSTRATIONS AT EMBASSY TEL AVIV

1. AS CONCERN OVER ISRAELI POWS AND UNCERTAINTY ABOUT US
INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL CONTINUE HERE, EMBASSY TEL AVIV
HAS BECOME SITEALMOST DAILY SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS AS WELL AS
REQUESTS BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND
TO PRESENT PETITIONS OR MESSAGES REGARDING POWS OR US
PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. FOLLOWING IS WRAP-UP OF THESE EVENTS:

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2. FIRST DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE OCT 31 (TEL AVIV 8828 NOTAL) BY GROUP OF ABOUT 100 ISRAELIS REPRESENTING PARENTS COMMITTEE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF PRISONERS. DEMONSTRATORS WERE HIGHLY EMOTIONAL AND ISRAELI POLICE EXPERIENCED SOME DIFFICULTY IN CONTROLLING SITUATION. ON SAME DAY EMBASSY RECEIVED PETITION FROM 58 PROMINENT ISRAELI ACADEMICIANS URGING US TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE EGYPT AND SYRIA MEET THEIR LEGAL AND MORAL OBLIGATIONS ON POWS.

3. DELEGATION FROM ISRAEL-AMERICA SOCIETY CALLED ON AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 1 (TEL AVIV 8853 NOTAL) OSTENSIBLY TO EXPRESS THANKS FOR US SUPPORT DURING WAR BUT ALSO TO POINT TO DEEP ANXIETY IN ISRAEL OVER DEGREE OF USG UNDERSTANDING FOR ISRAEL'S POSITION ON TERRITORIAL ISSUE. GROUP ASKED AMBASSADOR TO URGE USG NOT TO

PRESS ISRAEL TO OFFER CONCESSIONS FOR PEACE ON GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD NOT LEAD TO PEACE; ONLY/ MAINTENANCE OF ISRAEL'S MILITARY PREDOMINANCE IN REGION WOULD DO SO. ON SAME DAY, "ASSOCIATION OF AMERICANS AND CANADIANS IN ISRAEL" BEGAN CIRCULATING PETITIONS TO BE SIGNED BY AMERICAN CITIZENS CALLING ON PRESIDENT TO URGE EGYPT AND SYRIAN TO COMPLY WITH TERMS OF GENEVA CONVENTION. ORGANIZERS OF CAMPAIGN PRESENTED PETITIONS TO AMBASSADOR NOV 6.

4. EMBASSY WAS SITE NOV 5 OF DEMONSTRATION (TEL AVIV 8949 NOTAL) BY JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE WHICH IN MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR "BITTERLY DEPLORED US PRESSURE AND POLITICAL FORCE THAT WAS IMPOSED ON ISRAEL" TO SAVE EGYPT AND SYRIA FROM A DISASTROUS MILITARY DEFEAT. JDL DEMONSTRATORS HAD TO BE REMOVED FROM EMBASSY BY ISRAELI POLICE. EMBASSY RECEIVED DELEGATION (TEL AVIV 8981 NOTAL) ON SAME DAY FROM "CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ISRAELI POWS" WHICH EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DETERIORATION OF MOOD IN ISRAEL AS A RESULT OF POW ISSUE.

5. EMBASSY WAS PICKETED NOV 6 AND PASSERSBY WERE GIVEN LEAFLETS CALLING ON USG TO TREAT ISRAEL " AS A STAUNCH ALLY--NOT AS A SERVILE PUPPET." LEAFLET INTER ALIA CRITICIZED JSG FOR "PRESSURING" ISRAEL TO ALLOW RESUPPLY OF EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY AND FOR PURSUING " NAIVE DREAMS" OF DETENTE WITH " SOVIET FASCISM." SANDWICH BOARDS WORN BY DEMONSTRATORS IN FRONT OF EMBASSY TODAY CARRIED SUCH SLOGANS AS "AMERICAN--A REINFORCED THIRD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARMY WILL KILL OUR BOYS, NOT YOURS," "FOUR ISRAELI VICTORIES (1956,1967,1970,1973) LOST TO AMERICAN PRESSURE-- ENOUGH," AND " CHAMBERLIN, DALADIER BELIEVED HITLER; NIXON AND KISSINGER BELIEVE BREZHNEV."

6. ADVERTISEMENTS BY CITIZEN GROUPS URGING ON ONE HAND THAT USG FORCE EGYPT AND SYRIA TO RELEASE POWS AND ON OTHER HAND THAT GOI STAND UP TO US PRESSURE HAVE BEEN APPEARING

THROUGHOUT ISRAELI PRESS IN RECENT DAYS. ONE AD SAID, FOR
EXAMPLE, THAT "FIVE TIMES US PROMISED US PEACE IN EXCHANGE
FOR CONCESSIONS OVER OUR ACHIEVEMENTS ON FIELD OF BATTLE...
FIVE TIMES WE PAID IN BLOOD (FOR THESE CONCESSIONS)."
ANOTHER AD, ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT NIXON, STATED "YOU
STOPPED US FROM FINISHING THE BATTLE WHICH COULD HAVE BROUGHT
PEACE" AND " THE PRESENT CEASE-FIRE WHICH YOU FORCED ON US
IS NOTHING BUT THE BREATHINGSPACE RUSSIA WANTS."
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